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Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
395 East Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: CSXT Proposed Abandonment
Rupert to Clearco, WV
STB Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 683X)

Dear SEA:

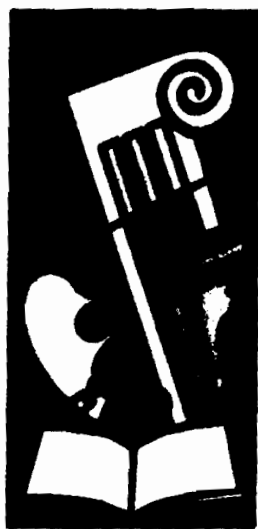
This refers to CSX Transportation's Notice of Exemption filed on June 6, 2007, requesting authority to abandon its rail line described above. Enclosed please find a copy of a letter dated June 7, 2006 (received June 18, 2007) from Ms. Susan Pierce, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer stating *"...it is our opinion that the proposed rail corridor abandonment will have no effect on buildings or structures either listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary."*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D.C.", written in a cursive style.

Attachment

Copy: Mr. Steve Armbrust, 500 Water St - J150, Jacksonville, FL 32202



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June 7, 2007

Mr. Dave Geraci
CSX Transportation
500 Water Street - J200
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RE: Rupert Junction to Clearco
Docket AB-55 (Sub-No. 598X)
FR#: 01-1415-GB-2

Dear Mr. Geraci:

We have reviewed the above referenced project to determine its effects on cultural resources. As required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR 800: "Protection of Historic Properties," we submit our comments.

It is our understanding that due to the consummation deadline and further requirements of the Surface Transportation Board (STB) your office must re-file its notice of exemption in order to exercise its abandonment for the above referenced project. It is also our understanding that there has been no change to the project since our letter to you dated October 15, 2001. Therefore, it is our opinion that the proposed rail corridor abandonment will have no effect on buildings or structures either listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. No further consultation is necessary.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service. If you need clarification on our request or the Section 106 process, please do not hesitate to contact Ginger Williford, Structural Historian, at (304) 558-0240.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Pierce
Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

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